

RE: The cost of phone calls in the United States to a mobile phone in a foreign country.

For years AT&T was charging me just .05 cents a minute to make calls to a mobile phone registered to a missionary in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In January 2004 the cost went up to \$2.00 per minute. The reason I was given is this:

AT&T had solicited my local calling business in August 2003. I accepted and on October 16 (approx.) 2003 my phone service was switched over and I then lost my DSL service with EarthLink. I was not warned of this by AT&T, so had to switch my local service back to Verizon, my parent home company immediately. I won't go into all the problems this caused, except for what it did to my long distance charges for International calls. When AT&T started charging me \$2.00 per minute instead of .05 cents a minute to call a mobile telephone in Canada, they said I lost my preferred rate with them when I transferred to them for local service and then back to Verizon. They told me the .05 per minute rate was no longer available to me.

So I no longer can afford to call the Canadian mobile phone number. The \$2.00 per minute cost is prohibitive. This is being filed to provide information regarding the stated issue and is not a complaint about a phone company. While I was paying the .05 cents per minute, I was also charged \$1.00 per month bu AT&T to make all international calls at a lower rate.